the verdict, and had filed a Review Petition explaining the Government's policy in detail. After considering the Review Petition, Hon'ble Supreme Court while dismissing it on April 1, 1991 made the following observations.

"We have decided the matter on the basis of the material made available to us at the time of arguments and on the basis of contentions made by counsel representing the respective parties. The case as such was decided on the peculiar facts, and circumstances of the case and in case such controversy arises in future of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes employees of other banks, in our view the parties will be free to get the controversy decided by a proper forum by placing their respective stands."

The judgement of the Supreme Court in the Writ Petition 847/87 is, therefore, applicable only in respect of the SC|ST employees in the Syndicate Bank. The Bank concerned has reported that it has taken steps to implement the judgement of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

Door step Delivery system

1574. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States where Door step Delivery system of the items which are being issued through FPS and other essential commodities have been introduced;

(b) whether it is a fact that the cost of the Door step Delivery system is being borne by the Central Government; and

(c) if not the steps taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) As per information available in the Ministry of Civil Supplies and Public Distribution only a few States|UTs. like Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Lakshadweep, Delhi, Assam and Chandigarh have introduced, in some form or the other and in some States partly, the system of delivery of essential commodities to the door steps of Fair Price Shops (FPSs).

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The Central Government has been advising the State Governments and UT Administrations with whom the implementation of the PDS primarily rests, to introduce a system of door step delivery to ensure an effective reach of PDS items, specially, in far-flung, remote and inaccessible areas.

Steel Imported by Mazagaon Dock Limited

1575. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 35 thousand Metric Tonnes of steel has been imported against the actual requirement of 15 thousand MT of Steel by the authorities of Mazagaon Dock Ltd. for ship building in the year 1989-90;

(b) whether it is a fact that the surplus steel is being disposed off at throw-away prices by Mazagon Dock Ltd.; and

(c) if so, what is Government's action in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.